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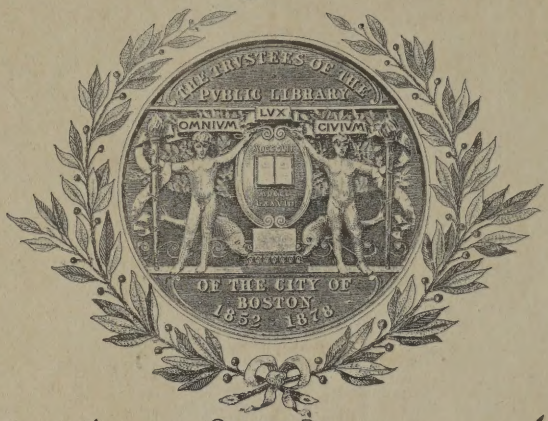

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CONSTITUTION

OF

The Educational Commission.

This organization shall be called The Educational Commission.

I. The object of the Educational Commission shall be the industrial, social, intellectual, moral, and religious improvement of persons released from Slavery in the course of the War for the Union.

II. The Educational Commission will employ as its laborers persons of undoubted loyalty to the Federal Government, who shall not permit their work to interfere with the proper discipline and regulations of the camps: and it will expect and gratefully welcome any facilities which the Government may be pleased to grant; such as passes for teachers and supplies; and rations and due protection for said teachers while engaged in their work.

III. The officers of the Educational Commission shall be a President, two or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a General Committee.

IV. It shall be the duty of the President, Vice Presidents, Secretary, and Treasurer, severally, to perform the service indicated by their titles, and usually devolving on such officers. They shall be members, *ex officio*, of the General Committee. The Treasurer shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Finance Committee. He shall give such bonds as may be required by the General Committee.

V. In addition to the above-named *ex officio* members, the General Committee shall be composed of four Business Committees: — a Committee on Correspondence, a Committee on Finance, a Committee on Teachers, and a Committee on Clothing and Supplies.

VI. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Correspondence to confer with the Government, and with the accredited agents and officers of the Government in places to which the Commission may send its laborers; and also to endeavor, by such means as shall be deemed proper, to produce a wide-spread interest and secure a general coöperation in the work undertaken.

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VII. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance to procure funds for the general objects of the Commission; all moneys, together with the names of the donors, to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer, who shall keep an account with each Business Committee, and report as required by the General Committee.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Teachers to select and supervise the persons sent out by the Commission, and to provide them with suitable apparatus of instruction.

IX. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Clothing to provide and forward garments and other articles necessary for the physical comfort of those whom the Commission is seeking to benefit; which supplies shall be distributed by the teachers, under such supervision as the Committee may designate.

X. The Business Committees shall each meet as often as the duties severally assigned them may require; they shall keep a record of their doings, and report to the Secretary of the Commission as the General Committee may require; they shall, in no instance, be composed of less than five persons; and a majority of any Committee shall be a quorum.

XI. The General Committee shall hold a meeting at least once each month, at which meeting it shall appropriate such funds as may be at the command of the Commission to the use of the several Business Committees, and all bills incurred by the Business Committees shall be approved by the chairmen thereof before they are paid by the Treasurer. The General Committee, which shall be an Advisory Body for the Business Committees, shall also call special meetings at the request of any Business Committee, and its sense shall determine the course of action in all doubtful cases. The duty of filling vacancies for the time being, arranging for public meetings, and all other duties not specially assigned, shall devolve on the General Committee.

XII. The Educational Commission shall hold an Annual Meeting, at such time and place as the General Committee may appoint; to hear reports, elect officers, and transact such other business as may come before it. The following shall be the mode of election, unless otherwise specially ordered. The President of the meeting shall appoint a Nominating Committee of not less than seven persons, and the nominations of said Committee shall be voted upon at a single ballot. The members of the Commission present at the Annual Meeting shall be a quorum, and this rule shall apply to any special meetings called by the General Committee.

XIII. Any person may be a member of the Educational Commission by a cash contribution to its funds of not less than five dollars annually.

XIV. This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote, at any regular meeting of the Commission, provided the motion to amend has been presented in writing at a previous meeting.

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